Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Government every year for development of tourist infrastructure based on specific projects/schemes identified in consultation with them and as per guidelines and availability of funds.

Thirty five projects/schemes have been prioritised for Central financial assistance of Rs. 574.19 lakhs for Rajasthan for 1999-2000 in consultation with the State Govemment.

Development of Tourist Circuits

†1360. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of TQURISMbe pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist circuits established so far in the country, state-wise;

(b) the steps taken and amount spent for the development of these tourist circuits by Government during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to develop some more national tourist circuits in the country;

(d) if so, the number of tourist circuits identified. State-wise for this purpose; and

(e) the estimated amount to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) 19 Tourist circuits have been identified in the country in the States of Himachal Pradesh, J&K, M.P., West Bengal, Sikkim, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, U.P., Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Kerala, Assam and Meghalaya.

(b) Financial assistance for prioritized projects/schemes for these states including places covered in the circuits is as follows:—

	(Rs. in Lakhs)
1997-98	3132.45
1998-99	7068.72
1999-2000	12396.60-amount for prioritised projects/schemes.

(c) to (e) The States have the primary rolei in the development of I^Original notice of the question, received in Hindi.

tourist infrastructure. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides finaxicial assistance to tiie States every year for the specific proposals prioritised in consultation with them on the basis of merit and availability of funds.

Recommendation of National Tourism Committee

1361. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report submitted by the National Tourism Committee headed by Late Muhammad Yunus set up in 1987 to examine the working of the National Tourist Organisation as well as travel industry and to suggest ways and means to reorganise it has been lying with his Ministry unimplemented; and

(b) if so, the details of the main recommendations and Government's decision on its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARATI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Details of the main recommendations and Government's decision are given in Statement.

Statement

S.No.	Recommendations	Decision of the Govemment
(i)	Package of incentives for attracting private investment in the tourism related activities.	Accepted in general and implemented.